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1. IN RESPONSE PARA 2 REFTEL, FOLLOWING PROVIDED:

A. AT PRESENT THERE FELT TO BE NO NEED FOR USG
MAKE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WARNING AMERICAN CITIZENS
AGAINST TRAVEL TO USSR.

B. DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO
DISCREETLY ENCOURAGE PRIVATE AMCITS TO BEGIN LEAVING
COUNTRY VIA PRESENTLY AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL TRANS-
PORTATION.

C. DO NOT BELIEVE THAT EVACUATION OF PERSONNEL
IS REQUIRED.

2. IN RESPONSE PARA 3, REFTEL, DO NOT FEEL THAT ANY
PRIVATE AMERICANS WOULD REQUEST EVACUATION AS SITUATION
NOW STANDS, BUT ESTIMATE THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY
175 PRIVATE AMERICANS IN COUNTRY. SECONDLY, ESTIMATE
THAT THERE ARE BETWEEN 800 AND 1000 TOURISTS IN COUNTRY
AT ANY ONE TIME. THIS JUST ROUGH ESTIMATE BECAUSE
BULK OF TOURISTS DO NOT REGISTER WITH EMBASSY
CONSULAR SECTION.

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3. SITUATION HERE REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, I.E.,
BUSINESS PRETTY MUCH AS USUAL.
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